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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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Applicant : Akira SUYAMA
Serial No. : 09/918,421
Filed : July 30, 2001
For : METHOD OF DETERMINING
ANALYTICAL NUCLEOTIDE
SEQUENCE USED IN NUCLEIC
ACID DETECTION
Art Unit : 1631
Examiner : MAHATAN

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

This is a response to the Office Action of December 3, 2001
(Paper No. 3), which is a Restriction Requirement under 35 USC 121.
The term for responding to the Office Action is extended two months
by a PETITION FOR EXTENSION filed concomitantly herewith to expire
on March 3, 2002.

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to return a copy of the
Form PTO/SB/08A filed on July 30, 2001 and to indicate thereon that
the cited publications were considered and made of record.

Applicants were required under 35 USC 121 to elect one of the
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